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SUBJECT: SOVIET MARITIME PRESENCE IN US

REF: STATE 280031

1. SOVIET EMBASSY DCM VORONTSOV TELEPHONED DEPUTY ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE DECEMBER 28 TO ASK THAT THE DEPART-
MENT RECONSIDER ITS POSITION--COMMUNICATED EARLIER TO THE
EMBASSY--THAT THE THIRD MEMBER OF SOVFRACHT'S STAFF WOULD
HAVE TO LEAVE THE US BEFORE JANUARY 1. VORONTSOV ARGUED
THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION WAS NOW UNREASONABLE, IN
VIEW OF THE SOVIET LETTER OF DECEMBER 21 CONCERNING THE
MAIN OUTSTANDING MARITIME ISSUES.

2. EUR/SOV DIRECTOR GARRISON CALLED VORONTSOV ON DECEMBER
29 TO SAY THAT WE COULD AGREE TO ALLOW THE THIRD MEMBER OF
THE SOVFRACHT STAFF TO REMAIN IN THE US UNTIL THE END OF
JANUARY. THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS REMAINING BEYOND THAT
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DATE, GARRISON SAID, WILL DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE NEXT
ROUND OF MARITIME TALKS IN MOSCOW AND ON HOW OUR AGREEMENT
IS IMPLEMENTED.

3. ON DECEMBER 30, THE SOVIET EMBASSY GAVE US A WRITTEN
STATEMENT CONCERNING STAFFING LEVELS FOR MARITIME PER-

SONNEL AT SOVFRACHT AND AMTORG, AS REQUESTED BY THE
DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 11 (REFTEL). INFORMAL
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OF NOVEMBER 11, 1976, THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR CONSIDERS
IT NECESSARY TO STATE THAT THE PRESENT STAFF OF SOVIET
EMPLOYEES WHO HANDLE MARITIME MATTERS AT AMTORG, AND
ALSO THE WORKERS AT SOVFRACHT IN NEW YORK, IS MINIMAL FOR
ASSURING THE EXISTING VOLUME OF MARITIME FREIGHT, UNDER
THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 29, 1975,
INCLUDING CARRYING OUT THE GROWING OPERATIONS FOR THE
CHARTERING OF AMERICAN SHIPS FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
FREIGHT. END TEXT.
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